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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of applying a coating to articles, comprising the steps of:
  - (i) providing a curtain [(30)] of solidifiable liquid coating material [(16)];
  - (ii) effecting relevant movement between articles [(12)] to be coated and the curtain [(30)] so as to coat the articles with the solidifiable liquid coating material [(14)];and